HON'BLE SHRI G.S. SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

WRIT PETITION NO.15756 of 1996

Between:

Sri Sai Apartments,
H.No.3-5-784/2/8/A, King Koti,
Hyderabad, represented by its
Secretary, Syed Viquaruddin
Hussain. … Petitioners

and

The General Manager (Engineering)
O & M, Division No.V, Narayanaguda,
Hyderabad Metro Water Supply and
Sewerage Board, Narayanaguda,
Hyderabad.. … Respondents

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Counsel for the petitioners : Sri K.V. Satyanarayana

Counsel for the respondents : None.

Date: 8th June, 2006

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This petition is directed against notice dated 27.6.1996 issued by the General Manager (Engineering), Hyderabad Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board (for short 'the Board') to Sri Sai Heights for deposit of a sum of Rs.2,05,000/- with a threat that if the amount is not deposited, supply of water would be disconnected.

After arguing the case for some time, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that his client may be permitted to withdraw the Writ Petition with liberty to the flat owners to approach the Board jointly and/or individually for providing water connection in accordance with the provisions of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act, 1989 and also for settlement of the issue relating to the impugned demand.

Since no one has appeared for the petitioner to oppose the request of the learned counsel, I deem it proper to accept the same.

Hence, the Writ Petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty in terms of the prayer made.

While disposing of the writ petition in the manner indicated above, I deem it proper to direct that the water supply to the flats of the persons residing in Sri Sai Heights shall not be disconnected for a period of three months. Ordered accordingly.

I also direct that the amount which the petitioner or flat owners may have already deposited in furtherance of interim order passed by this Court shall be adjusted by the competent authority of the Board while deciding their application for release of fresh water connections.

8th June,2006 **G.S. SINGHVI, CJ**

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